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BOMBAY ACT No. XXXII OF 1953.[1]

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An Act to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890, in its application to the State of Bombay.

XI of 1890. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890, in its application to the State of Bombay, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1953. Short title.

XI of 1890. **2.** For section 6A of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:— Amendment of section 6A of Act XI of 1890.

"6A. For the purposes of sections 3A, 4 and 6, an owner or other person in possession or control of an animal shall be deemed to have permitted an offence if he fails to prove that he has exercised reasonable care and supervision with a view to the prevention of such offence. Interpretation.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section a person claiming the animal shall be deemed to be the owner or person in possession or control of the same."

3. In section 6B of the said Act, in sub-section (*3*),— Amendment of section 6B of Act XI of 1890.

(*1*) the words ", unless the Magistrate directs that it shall be sent to a *pinjrapole* or that it shall be destroyed," shall be deleted;

(*2*) the following proviso shall be added at the end, namely:—

"Provided that the Magistrate or the Veterinary Officer may at any time before the animal is released direct that it shall be sent to a *pinjrapole* or be destroyed."

[1] For Statement of Objects and Reasons, *see Bombay Government Gazette*, 1953, Part V, p. 25.